

Appl. No. 10/620,400
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In the Specification:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

Control apparatus 90 illustratively operates in the following fashion. Control apparatus 90 comprises a first valve 92 and a second valve 94, as can be seen in Fig. 2. Compressed air flows from charging chamber 86 (not visible in Fig. 2) to each valve 90, 92 through tubing 96 and "T" 98. Each of valves 92, 94 includes a button 100, 102 that can be moved (i.e. by a thumb of an operator) between a biased default (non-depressed) position and a depressed position. Valves 92, 94 function to direct compressed air either to an upper exit port 104, 106, or to a lower exit port 108, 110. When valves 92, 94 are in the default position shown in [[Fig. 2]] Fig. 1, compressed air is directed through respective upper exit ports 104, 106. Accordingly, when valves 92, 94 are in the depressed position, compressed air is directed through respective lower exit ports 108, 110.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

It should be understood that while the illustrative embodiment provides for two valves [[100, 102]] 92, 94 which control the operation of cylinder 88, it is possible to utilize a single valve which alternates between a state of delivering compressed air to lower portion 114 of cylinder 88 and upper portion 116 of cylinder 88. However, the two-button embodiment as disclosed requires two buttons, rather than just one button, to be depressed in order to direct a fastener into the ground 122, and such an embodiment may be considered a desirable safety improvement. Another safety feature is the rims 101 encompassing first and second buttons 100, 102. Rims 101 are configured to extend above first and second buttons 100, 102 such that buttons 100, 102 may not be accidentally depressed, for example, by an operating leaning on them.